

**THE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF ELECTORS FOR
THE PARISH OF MONK HESLEDEN HELD ON
MONDAY 20th MAY 2024**

Present: Councillor G Crute (Chairman)
Councillors' A Childs, S Childs, G M Crute, L Davison, O Deinali, G Duddin, A Mason,
N Thompson

aa24-2501 **TO RECEIVE A COPY OF THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF
ELECTORS HELD ON 22nd MAY 2023**

Copies of the minutes were circulated to each Member before the meeting.

RESOLVED the minutes of the Annual Assembly of Electors, held on the 22nd of May 2023, be received.

aa24-2502 **TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

"This year has again seen successful events taking place in the Parish with the continuing success of our Remembrance Day Services at both Blackhall and Hesleden. There was an impressive display throughout the parish of acts of remembrance with a particularly spectacular display at St Andrews Church in Blackhall, and thanks go to all those involved. The Parish Council continues to work with the community on our Remembrance Day events and thanks go to Brian Drummond, Blackhall resident and member of the Easington Royal British Legion for the remembrance soldiers he displays throughout our villages. Both Christmas tree events went well and were well attended by staff, pupils and their families from Blackhall Primary School, St Joseph's Catholic School and Hesleden Primary School.

The Parish Council continued to support many organisations in our communities with funding granted to:

Alice House - £200.00

Blackhall Banner Group - £300.00

Blackhall Comm Assoc - £250.00

Blackhall Welfare Men's Bowls - £470.00

Royal British Legion - £150.00

Friends of Blackall Library - £500.00

Hesleden Residents Assoc - £360.00

Neighbourhood Outreach Group - £550.00

The refurbishment of the play area at Hesleden has been successfully completed. The equipment was chosen after consultation with pupils from Hesleden Primary School and it is hoped that the play area is enjoyed by all our younger residents. The Parish Council have been working with the local schools again to look at some new play equipment for the Chicken's Green and High Hesleden play areas and works will commence in the coming months.

This continues with the Parish Council's improvement of its play areas. There are in total six play areas that the Parish Council looks after.

The Parish Council has welcomed new Councillors to the team – Councillors A Childs and K Dingle. There are now fourteen members of the Parish Council who provide a diverse range of skills and work well together for the benefit of the residents of our Parish.

The Parish Council's Estates Manager, Antony Peace, leads a diligent grounds team who have worked hard throughout the year to continue to build on the work previously undertaken. The cricket field, bowling greens and football pitch are maintained to an exemplary standard and compliments on the quality of the playing surfaces are regularly received from visiting teams. Thanks go to Antony and his team for their continued hard work.

Thanks as always go to the Parish Clerk, Lynda Wardle for her continued hard work on behalf of the Parish Council. Lynda goes above and beyond in her role taking on new challenges with determination and enthusiasm, so on behalf of the Parish Council and myself I would like to thank you for her hard work and dedication. My personal thanks go to all members of our team Katherine Alderson, Jeff Dixon, Keith Bell, Kyle Smith and Stephen Harper.

I would also like to thank by fellow Parish Councillors for their support again over the last year and I look forward to our continuing success over the next year."

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TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST March 2024

The Clerk had forwarded copies of the Parish Council's Statement of Accounts for the financial year ended 31st March 2024.

RESOLVED the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2023 be accepted and approved.

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TO CONSIDER ANY RESOLUTION OF WHICH WRITTEN NOTICE AS BEEN GIVEN TO THE CHAIRMAN OR CLERK

The Clerk confirmed that no resolutions had been received.

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TO CONSIDER ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS OR MATTER RAISED BY THE ELECTORATE

The Clerk confirmed that no matters had been received or raised by the electorate.

The Annual Assembly was drawn to a close.

Certified as a True Record

Chairman

Dated